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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

09/888,714

Applicant(s)

Johan Smets et al.

Filed

June 25, 2001

Title

DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING

CYCLODEXTRIN GLUCANOTRANSFERASE ENZYME

AND A DETERGENT INGREDIENT

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Examiner

Preeti Kumar

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CM2380

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, for one month, from March 3, 2004 to April 5, 2004. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$110 for the extension, plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 5, 2004 Customer No. 27752